

been a number of court decisions and some common law and some statutes that have applied to that situation, so it's not an area that has been totally devoid of law but it's an area where the application of the law has been unclear in a number of instances. So, what Senator Landis is doing with this bill is putting into statute the concepts that already exist in the common law and drawing together the concepts that exist elsewhere in statute and then adding a few things and putting in one place all of the law that pertains to the renting of space in a mobile home park. And in the sense that it is a drawing together rather than an addition to the law, it is in concept and basically not a radical proposal but a kind of reorganization of the law. But a couple years ago, Senator Wiitala came in with a bill that attempted to address the problem and it was rejected by the committee as being not nearly refined enough. Senator Landis came in this year with a very refined bill. Despite the bill being very refined, there were a number of changes that were requested by the committee that the committee requested pursuant to questions that came up during the hearing and also the committee asked Senator Landis to get together with Mr. Lloyd Todd representing the mobile, mobile home park associations or at least one of them, the main one and to negotiate with him a half a dozen of the problem areas where they had not reached agreement. And after a couple of meetings at which the Judiciary staff participated and basically recorded the agreements that Senator Landis and the park owners association reached, we came up with a set of committee amendments. Those committee amendments are the agreements reached at those meetings plus some changes that Senator Landis graciously agreed to at the request of the committee. I don't think it would make much sense to go through those changes right now, although I'd be glad to do so if you would like, because the basic overwhelming impact of the committee amendments, the changes in the committee amendments is to soften the change that is proposed in the bill and to make it more acceptable to all parties involved. So I would suggest that we simply adopt the committee amendments and then go ahead and let Senator Landis explain the bill and in his explanation I'm sure he cannot avoid discussing also the committee amendments because they are intricately involved and woven into the bill as a whole. So